



# Tennessee Crop Weather

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## HOT, DRY WEATHER CONTINUES

Hot, dry weather persisted across the state last week, allowing farmers to make good progress harvesting most crops. Corn and soybean harvest continued with producers continuing to report favorable yields for both corn and early crop beans. Yields of late crop beans, however, look to be substantially lower than those of the early crop beans. Tobacco harvest neared completion. Planting of wheat and fall seeding of pastures were delayed as farmers waited for rains to replenish soil moisture supplies. Pasture conditions continued to deteriorate, forcing more livestock producers to start feeding hay. There were 6.7 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was rated 48 percent very short, 36 percent short, and 16 percent adequate. Subsoil moisture was rated 36 percent very short, 48 percent short, and 16 percent adequate.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2018	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Corn – Mature	100	98	98	98	Corn	1	3	11	55	30
Corn – Harvested	88	74	77	80	Cotton	4	7	26	45	18
Cotton – Bolls Opening	90	82	96	89	Soybeans	2	8	31	47	12
Cotton – Harvested	22	12	30	17	Tobacco	7	18	33	32	10
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves	85	71	81	80	Pasture	20	45	26	7	2
Soybeans – Harvested	39	27	28	27						
Tobacco – Cut	97	94	97	89						
Winter Wheat – Planted	16	10	16	15						
Winter Wheat – Emerged	3	2	9	3						

### County Agent Comments

Harvest has been in full swing with the hot and dry conditions we have experienced. Corn harvest is winding down. Cotton harvest has been going pretty strong. Some beans have been harvested. Saw a couple of fields of hay cut this last week. Pasture conditions have declined as some beef producers have begun feeding hay.

Kenny Herndon, Carroll County

Hot and still extremely dry.

Steve Rickman, Chester County

The farmers in Fayette County had a good week of defoliating/harvesting cotton, cutting hay, and harvesting corn and beans. We are very hot and dry!!! Some rain may come this weekend. Moisture is needed for wheat and forage plantings.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

Corn and soybean harvest continues without any rain delays. Corn yields continue to be good to excellent. Soybean yields are very good for the full season crop. The soybeans planted behind wheat will pull the overall yields downward.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

Continues to be very dry. Rain is needed. Late soybeans are hurting.

Rusty Evans, Montgomery County

Tobacco harvest is nearly finished. Fall hay and corn harvest are coming along just fine. Now, we need rain. Some producers have held off on fall over seeding of pastures due to lack of ground moisture.

Ronnie Barron, Cheatham County

Hot, dry and dusty. We could have a lot of sickness in cattle if we don't get the dust settled. Harvest is coming along well - beans are down to 9% moisture which is a 3% loss in weight. Corn and soybean yields are down 10 to 20% from last year. We need a rain to get some planting done and to germinate what we have planted.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

A few producers starting feeding hay this week. Most finishing up last cutting of hay. Grain harvest has progressed well. Most have finished corn harvest and have changed over to beans. Some producers seeding cool season forages in hopes of rain this weekend.

Jason Evitts, Trousdale County

*Cold front moving through late Sunday provided around 1 1/2 inches of rainfall for the county and greatly helped to replenish topsoil moisture. Cooler fall temperatures will help to keep topsoil moisture levels.*  
**David Cook, Davidson County**

*Another hot, dry week. Crop harvest is progressing with producers reporting good yields. Drought conditions have resulted in pastures being in poor conditions with lots of producers feeding hay. Water availability concerns are becoming more widespread if relying on streams, springs or ponds.*  
**A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County**

*Dry - very dry. Pastures drying up. Producers already feeding hay. Hay will be short this year.*  
**Billy Garrett, Pickett County**

*Dry and poor pastures. Cattlemen relying on hay early on.*  
**Seth Whitehouse, Scott County**

*Rain needed badly! No rain since August. Corn Harvest nearly finished. Soybean harvest underway. Corn yields running 150-300 bu. Early corn and beans were best. Late beans look pitiful. Beef Producers are nearly all feeding hay already. Pasture is gone.*  
**John Goddard, Loudon County**

*Extremely dry. Pasture is gone and most producers are or should be feeding hay. Corn yields have mostly been good and early beans are doing pretty well.*  
**Jason Debusk, Bradley County**

*Trees dropping leaves early. Lawns are very dry, but crabgrass is doing great. Hard to drill cover crops in dry soil. Hard to lay plastic for strawberry crop. Blueberries suffering. Ponds getting low. Feeding hay early.*  
**Tom Stebbins, Hamilton County**

*STILL VERY DRY!*  
**James Blake Ramsey, Hawkins County**